Second Member of Council.—It is under the management of the Revenue Department and if a specific representation is made to the Revenue Commissioner, he will examine the whole affair himself.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—There is no water even in Bannur tank. I cannot understand why the Public Works Department should not supply water. We generally go to Government after all our trials have failed. When a body represent their urgent grievance by wire, Government should see that immediate orders are passed, instructing the authorities concerned to expedite the matter at once. A stitch in time saves nine.

Second Member of Council.—It is not possible to arrange for orders being issued on telegraphic complaints.

SUBJECT NO. 146.

Revision of the schedule of rates in the Public Works Department.

Messrs. (1) A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk and (2) V. Shamiengar and N. Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk; H. Varadaiya, T.-Narsipur Municipality; P. R. Lakshminaranappa, Mugur Municipality and B. V. Rangaya, French Rocks Sub-Taluk.

Mr. A. V. Suryanarayana Chetty.—The old schedule rates in the Public Works Department may be revised as timber, brick, etc., cannot be had according to the old rates owing to the rise in prices and many Government works cannot be completed on this account.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—Contractors are failing to come forward to take up Government works on contract, on the ground that the rates fixed by Government are too low. Many works are pending execution and the amounts allotted therefor are lapsed. It is very difficult nowadays to get coolies at old rates. Proper facilities may be afforded to have the works executed by enhancement of rates.

Second Member of Council.—Inconveniences have been brought to the notice of the Government. The subject was discussed at the meeting of Deputy Commissioners when it was decided that the Chief Engineer should be asked to send statements of rates either half-yearly or quarterly. The Chief Engineer has promised to send a schedule of rates and it will be sent to various officers for information and guidance so as to minimise trouble in this respect in future.

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SUBJECT NO. 147.

Reduction of Electric charges.

Messrs. (1) Karnick Krishnamurtni Rao, Magadi Taluk and (2) M. Ramachandra Rao Sindhe, and K. B. Puttappa, Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—A minimum charge is fixed for consumption of electric power. It often happens that this minimum quantity is not utilised. All the same, the minimum charge has to be paid. The actual quantity used should be charged.